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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize the life and contributions of Dr. Samuel H. Jordan on the occasion of his passing.

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan was born October 31, 1932 in Petersburg, Virginia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan received his bachelor's degree from the University of the District of Columbia, where he studied administration and supervision;

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan was also awarded an honorary doctorate from Southeastern University in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan started his career as an advisor to Mayor Walter E. Washington;

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan was appointed Director of the D.C. Office of Emergency Preparedness by Mayor Marion S. Barry and Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, and chaired the Mayor's Special Events Task Force, a body of local and federal transportation and public safety officials charged with ensuring a comprehensive safety plan whenever a major event or protest was held in the Nation's Capital;

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan also held the distinction of being the District's Coordinator for the Presidential Inaugural Committee through seven administrations;

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan coordinated the District's response to all major marches, demonstrations and special events for over 30 years, including the urban riots of 1968, the Air Florida crash of 1982 and the Million Man March of 1995;

34 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan assisted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern
35 Christian Leadership Conference with the March on Washington in 1969;

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37 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan was a faithful and passionate public servant in the
38 District of Columbia government for more than 40 years;

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40 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan also dedicated himself to community uplift and
41 worked as an advocate for youth and those most in need;

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43 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan received the Greater Washington Urban League's
44 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award for community service in 1997 among many others;

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46 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan was recognized throughout the District for being an
47 activist who worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for District resident; and

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49 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel H. Jordan passed away on Thursday, June 29, 2017.

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51 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
52 resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Samuel H. Jordan Recognition Resolution of 2017".

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54 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Dr. Samuel H. Jordan's life
55 and legacy of public service and expresses condolences on his passing.

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57 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
58 the District of Columbia Register.